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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION AT FULL STRENGTH

Chairman Michael F. Duffy announced today that the Commission's appellate body will be fully staffed with five Commissioners, effective August 8, 2003.

As a result of Senate confirmations late Thursday night, Stanley C. Subolesky, Michael Young, and Mary Lu Jordan will join Chairman Duffy and Commissioner Robert H. Beatty, Jr., as confirmed members of the Commission.

In making the announcement, Chairman Duffy stated "I am pleased that the Senate has confirmed the highly qualified nominations of President Bush," and noted that "this is the first time that the Commission has had its full complement of five Commissioners since August 30, 2000."

Commissioner Suboleski has been serving under a recess appointment at the Commission since April 2003. He has extensive mining experience with Massey Energy Company, most recently as Executive Vice President and Interim Chief Operating Officer. He also served as a professor of mining engineering at both Pennsylvania State University and Virginia Tech. He was nominated by President Bush on March 22, 2002 and again on January 9, 2003, for a term of 6 years expiring August 30, 2006.

Ms. Jordan previously served as Chairman of the Commission from April 1994 to August 2001 and as Commissioner until August 2002. She was nominated by President Bush on March 11, 2003 for a term of 6 years expiring August 30, 2008.

Mr. Young most recently served as Director of Regulatory Affairs for the Pennsylvania Coal Association. Previously he served as a Trial Attorney with McElwee and McElwee. He was nominated by President Bush on June 12 for a term of 6 years expiring August 30, 2008.

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